GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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FDI IN DOMESTIC PHARMA SECTOR
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the new drug policy provides for 100 per cent foreign direct investment in the domestic pharmaceutical sector;

(b) If so, the reasons for increasing the same to 100%;

(c) Whether any conditions have been imposed in this regard; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (d) : The Pharmaceutical Policy - 2002 provides that foreign investment upto 100% will be permitted, subject to stipulations laid down from time to time in the Industrial Policy, through the automatic route in the case of all bulk drugs cleared by Drug Controller General (India), all their intermediates and formulations except in the case of bulk drugs produced by the use of recombinant DNA technology, bulk drugs requiring in-vivo use of nucleic acids as the active principles and specific cell/tissue targetted formulations. This has been done with a view to further liberalising the foreign direct investment regime.